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For	: SEMICONDUCTOR PHYSICAL QUANTITY SENSOR OF ELECTROSTATIC CAPACITANCE TYPE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME	

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir :

In response to the Final Official Action dated November 18, 2008, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 18, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

Should any extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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